



December 5, 2023 | 7:00 p.m.  
City Campus Union, Regency Suite

## CALL TO ORDER

## APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

## OPEN FORUM

- Nick Lauver (ASUN Electoral Commission): Shift in timeline to April 2-3; Removal of signatures requirement for the candidates except for GSA president and v.p. ; Campaign in class with the approval of the lecturer. Meeting for the electoral committee tomorrow night. Check ASUN website for general rules of the election.
- Domonique Cudjo (Gender and Sexuality Center): Presenting a PowerPoint slide on resources available to students. To get PowerPoint, check the Gender and sexuality website. Presentation on Engagement, Support, Events, Students with children; Has services for students with children link on their website. On and off campus resources. Secure the bag salary negotiation provides space for female graduate students. Menstrual product giveaway. Celebration of women commitment award- last day to nominate will be February 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Josh Overocker (Student Affairs): Talk about university program facility fees. Campus rec, CAPS, Student govt discount tickets to the LIED Center. Check ASUN website to know what grad students are paying. They are in the process of submitting the budget for the committee for fee allocation. Connect to members and attend the town hall for students to ask questions and learn what they are paying for. Fund A Chancellor Fund B board of regent.
- Question by Ahmed- Do you think that the student fee will be increased in 2024?Response- It is possible as price of things rise.

## EXECUTIVE REPORTS

### President Mowat

- Welcome:
- Meeting with the Chancellor: Met with Dr. Bennett, DEE, and EK who works on the chancellor's staff. Katie and Venn spoke about accountability, onboarding,
- Meeting with Phil Bakken, Chief of Staff to the NU President: Talked about the university and the board of regents, and how graduate students fall into decision making process, and how

- Change in ASUN election schedule and how it affects GSA election. Our next meeting will be at the Law college at east campus.

Executive Vice President Jemkur

- Internal Committees

Vice President of Student Affairs Gee

- External Committees- Be in touch with your external committees.
- Onboarding Survey: <https://go.unl.edu/h4vc>
- Use the link to tell us about your onboarding experiences. Scan the QR Code.
- Katie and Connor are on a task force hosted by graduate studies on onboarding.



Vice President of Representation Rief

- Representatives: At-large rep candidate. Motion to add to agenda. Passed.

Vice President of Finance Rafaei

- Budget Status: 1200 spent by GTAP. Budget and spending of the GSA is not available on the GSA website, It is on Teams.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

ASUN (if present)

Academic Affairs Committee: Emmanuel- the comm met and are working on developing a formal free walk to determine when GSA can intervene in advisor/advisee relationships. They are open to ideas and suggestions.

-Update

Diversity and Inclusion Committee: Katie- Nothing to report.

-Update

Graduate Travel Award Program (GTAP) Committee: Getting ready for the spring session for review. Working on a certificate for those that are awarded money. And a bill will be introduced later

-Update

Professional Development Committee: Nothing to report

-Update

Quality of Life Committee: Nothing to report

-Update

Social Events Committee: Nothing to report

-Update

Communications Committee: Jerome and committee member from Marketing. Update from the survey they sent last time. They notice the information gap, meaning grad students do not know what is happening and will like the comms committee to bring as much info to us.

-Update

External Committees: Katie urges the reps in external committees to attend meeting and rep the more than 4,000 grad students.

BREAK (10 minutes) if before 7:45pm

-Discussion on Onboarding and other Graduate Student Concerns

#### OLD BUSINESS

Revised GSA Bill #6

A bill authorizing GSA to modify the current Graduate Travel Awards Program (GTAP) special rules.: Kat re-wrote some of the bill.

All in favour of passing the bill say I. All said I.

The bill is passed.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Doug: Introduces Colby as an a new at-large member. He was a rep last year. Was in the library comms. Helped in establishing regular meetings for the library comms.

Katie- Colby step out for the vote. All in favor raise your hand. Two thirds voted for approval.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ended at 7:57.